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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Social Welfare Department – Jagananna Vidya Deevena scheme – Release of amount to the account of mother of eligible students and follow up action in case of non-payment of fee by mother to college - Orders –Issued.

SOCIAL WELFARE (EDN) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.35 Dated:29-11-2021
Read the following:

1. G.OMs.No.90, Social Welfare (SW.Edn.2)Dept., dated:30-07-2002
2. G.OMs.No.81, Social Welfare (Edn.2) Dept., dated:07-05-2019
3. G.O.Ms.No.115, Social Welfare (Edn) Dept., dated:30-11-2019
4. G.O.Ms.No.14, Higher Education (E.C) Dept., dated:23-03-2020
5. G.OMs.No.28, Social Welfare(Edn) Dept., dated:16-06-2020
6. G.OMs.No.64 of Social Welfare (Edn)Dept., dated6-11-2020
7. Govt. of India letter No.K-14011/1/2021–SCD-V, dated:12-01-2021
8. Hon'ble High Court of AP orders dated:27-08-2021 in WP No.8551/2021.
9. From the DSW, AP efileNo.SOW02-16021/169/2020-JD-C AND D2 SECCOSW (Computer No.1268482).

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ORDER:

In the reference 2nd read above, Government have instructed at para-7.2.4 that the educational institutions are prohibited from withholding the certificates of students eligible for scholarship. Any deviation will invite severe action, including debarring of the concerned institution from the scheme of Post Matric Scholarships.

2. The Government is implementing the Navaratnalu schemes towards upliftment of poorer and vulnerable sections of the people of Andhra Pradesh on saturation mode. In the reference 3rd read above, as a part of implementation of Navaratnalu Schemes, the Government have issued orders formulating the scheme Jagananna Vidya Deevena to provide complete fee reimbursement to all the students belonging to SC, ST, BC, EBC(other than Kapu), Kapu, Minority and Differently Abled categories.

3. In the reference 4th read above, the Higher Education Department has issued guidelines for all the colleges on applicability of Jagananna Vidya Deevena scheme, wherein it was mentioned at para-3(b)(iii) that the Educational Institution shall not withhold the certificates of students eligible for fee reimbursement under any circumstances.

4. In the reference 5th read above, in order to empower the mother of the student, Government prescribed that the fee payable under Jagananna Vidya Deevena shall be released to the bank account of the mother of the student from 2020-21 academic year, as part of empowerment of the mothers, which is possible only when the mother pays the fees personally to the college, instead of the Government.

5. In the reference 6th read above, Government have issued instructions to conduct counseling to mothers of the Students to empower them to monitor the functioning of the colleges as well as the academic performance of their children.

6. The petitioners in W.P No.8551 of 2021 alleged that the government was not taking responsibility in case the mother does not pay the fee to the colleges, while the G.O. insisted that colleges shall not collect the fee from the eligible students at the time of admission.

7. The Hon'ble High Court of AP in its orders dated:27-08-2021 in WP No.8551/2021 ordered as follows:"....the impugned G.O.Ms.No.28, dated:16-06-2020 is set aside and in so far as the impugned G.O.Ms.No.64, dated 06-11-2020 is concerned, to the extent of all the clauses pertaining to 'Jagananna Vidya Deevena' in the said G.O. are struck down..... As a consequence, the scheme amount under Jagananna Vidya Deevena shall be credited to the respective college accounts on behalf of students, provided the students satisfy the eligibility criteria mentioned in G.O.Ms.No.115 dated 30-11-2019..... The Writ Petition, accordingly, allowed in part".

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8. In the reference 9th read above, the Director of Social Welfare, AP has proposed that it be made explicit that the Colleges are at liberty to collect the fee due from the defaulting mothers, so that there is no ambiguity on follow up action to be taken in case any mother does not pay the Jagananna Vidya Deeven to the college, even after receipt of the same from Government.

9. In terms of the guidelines under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship for SC students and as clarified in the reference 7th read above, the fee shall be released to the accounts of the students or mothers of the students.

10. It is therefore felt that there shall be a mechanism to involve mothers in the education of their children as part of their empowerment. When the fee is paid by the mother to the college for every quarter, then the mother has an opportunity to visit the college at least once in a quarter and interact with the college authorities on the academic progress of her children. It will also provide an opportunity to the mother to give feedback to the College on the infrastructure facilities or the quality of the education being provided to her children by the College. Government would also get a feedback and be able to take further steps to improve the quality of education or infrastructure being provided by the Institutions as prescribed in the norms.

11. In the circumstances reported supra and on review of the earlier orders issued in the G.O.6th read above, Government shall implement the scheme as provided below:

(i) The Colleges shall be notified of the release of Jagananna Vidya Deevena to the accounts of the mothers by the Government as soon as the amounts are credited.

(ii) In case any mother does not pay the Jagananna Vidya Deevena to the college within a week of the release of the amount, then the college concerned shall file a complaint in the service provided in their login for this purpose in Jnanabhumi portal. This service will be available after 7 days from the date of credit of the amount to the accounts of the mothers. Such claims will be referred to logins of the Welfare and Education Assistant (WEA) or the Ward Education and Data Processing Secretary concerned, as the case may be, who shall then consult the defaulting mother, verify the facts and intimate the parents concerned to remit the monies to the colleges. This process shall be completed within 10 days of filing of the complaint by the college.

(iii) If the money is not remitted within three weeks of the complaint lodged by a college, the college is at liberty to collect the fee/dues from the student/ mother, as per the norms applicable for collection of fee due from students, who are not eligible for Post Matric Scholarships scheme.

(iv) Government shall release the subsequent installments of Jagananna Vidya Deevena to the mother, only after the previously released fee is remitted to the college.

(v) After the first default of mother in remittance of fee to the college, even after steps mentioned at point-(ii) and (iii) above are completed, then subsequent installments shall be released to the colleges.

12. All educational institutions which are registered in Jnanabhumi portal are instructed not to insist for payment of fee at the time of admissions from the students eligible for Jagananna Vidya Deevena scheme, as such a condition would deprive the students belonging to the weaker sections of the society from getting enrolled in higher education, and the Government is committed to release the fee to the mothers in four quarters, who in turn will pay to the colleges, as per the above mentioned instructions.

13. The Higher Education Department and other Affiliation Authorities like the Director of School Education, Director of Medical Education, AP Para Medical Board, AP State Board of Technical Education & Training, AP Nursing Council, are also requested to issue similar instructions to the colleges under their control respectively.

(Contd. P..3.)

14. The above orders will be subject to further orders of the Hon'ble High Court in the Writ Petitions.

15. This orders are issued with the concurrence of Finance (FMU-Welfare-1) Department vide their U.O.No.FIN01-FMU0PC(WEL1)/86/2021(Computer No.1570313) Dated:29-11-2021.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

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The Principal Secretary to Government, Medical and Health Department
The Principal Secretary to Government, School Education Department
The Principal Secretary to Government, Women Welfare, Differently abled and Senior Citizens Welfare Department
The Secretary to Government, Tribal Welfare Department
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The Secretary, AP State Council for Higher Education, Vijayawada
The Director of Tribal Welfare, A.P.
The Director of BC Welfare, A.P.
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